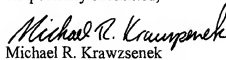


## II. REMARKS

The specification has been amended to claim priority to Canadian Application No. CA/2,392,486 filed on July 5, 2002. It is believed that no fee is due for filing this Preliminary Amendment. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/GOUD:031US/MRK.

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